



Henfield Computer Club

**Are you overpaying for your
mobile telephone bills?**



Mobile phones can be “locked” to a specific Network -

#Vodafone

#Three

#EE

#02



Smaller networks “piggy-back” off of the big four



With everything we are talking about today, you will easily be able to keep your existing mobile number





How do I know if my Iphone is locked to a network?

- ☐ Settings...
- ☐ General...
- ☐ About...
- ☐ Scroll down to find "Network Provider Lock" e.g. "No SIM restrictions"





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About

Bluetooth FC:66:CF:33:C6:D8

Modem Firmware 5.02.06

SEID >

EID
89049032006008882600100703637
775

Network Provider Lock No SIM restr...

PHYSICAL SIM

Network WiFiCall

Network Provider vodafone UK 59.0





Am I still in Contract?

- Do I pay a Direct Debit to one of the Big Four?
- Check with their website/your account page
- How long have I had the phone?
- If you are out of contract, are you still paying the same amount as you always have?





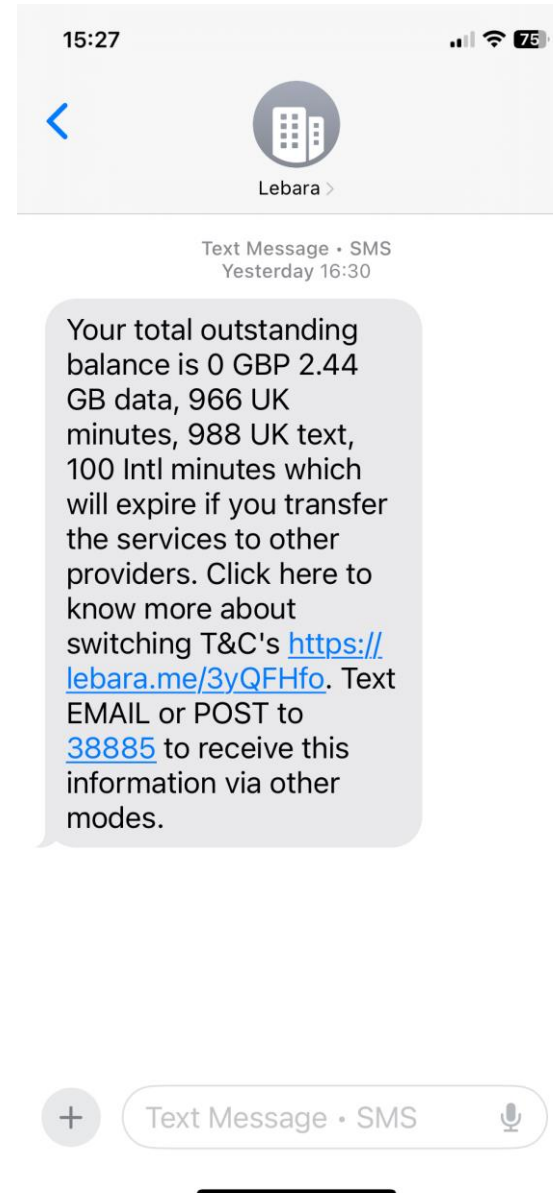
How can I tell if I am still in Contract?

Text the word INFO to 85075

[This works for both Android and
Iphone]



Texting the word INFO to 85075
brings a TEXT back from Provider like
this...





- If you are unsure, the Mentors can help you guide you through this and see if you are “in contract” or you could move to a cheaper provider
- Your phone handset might need to be “unlocked”



How much does an Iphone 12 cost?

Iphone 12 can still take latest IOS

John Lewis:

£499

Plus you would need a
SIM card to make calls



Newest Iphone is Iphone 16 - costs even more!!

How much does an equivalent Samsung (Android) cost?

Samsung S23/S22

£370-500+

Cheapest alternative with good reviews:
Motorola Moto G54 5G

£139



How much does the rental “contract” of an Iphone 12 cost?

24 months rental at
£25 pcm:
£600
Plus the cost of any
calls made/data used
etc





What about a refurbished model?

- Slightly older models
- Good condition
- May have a slightly lower battery life



musicMagpie.co.uk/store/category/mobile-phones/apple/iphone-12/?filter=network:UNLOCKED#prm_creative=iphone-12&prm...

Gmail YouTube Maps Dashlane BBC News Free Speech to Text... Adobe Acrobat TV Guide and Listin... Microsoft Designer... All Bookmarks

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12 (30) Refurbished iPhone Refurbished iPhone 12 Mini Refurbished iPhone 12 Pro Refurbished iPhone >

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Mobile Phones (699)

Apple (463) X

iPhone 12 (30) X

Feedback

Applied filter Network UNLOCKED X

Apple iPhone 12 64GB Blue UNLOCKED

Refurbished - Good ⓘ

£254.99

vs £649.00 New

Pay £9.26/mo. at 19.9% APR.* Klarna.

Apple iPhone 12 64GB Purple UNLOCKED

Refurbished - Good ⓘ

£254.99

vs £649.00 New

Pay £9.26/mo. at 19.9% APR.* Klarna.

Apple iPhone 12 64GB Black UNLOCKED

Refurbished - Good ⓘ

£259.99

vs £649.00 New

Pay £9.44/mo. at 19.9% APR.* Klarna.

HALF the cost of a new one!!

There are two good online stores to recommend:
 Music Magpie - <https://www.musicmagpie.co.uk/store/category/mobile-phones/>
 Back Market - <https://www.backmarket.co.uk/en-gb>

What about making calls? You will need a SIM card

There are multiple deals available which include calls, texts and some data for the mobile internet

Most start at around £5 pcm



CHECK which network works well/gives good signal in your home/vicinity

The smaller SIM card providers piggy back off the big boy networks and are MUCH cheaper

They often have extras that are better than the big boys

They often don't have automatic increases in costs year on year

Your "commitment" to a contract is for one month only, not long term

We'll show you which ones in three slides time...

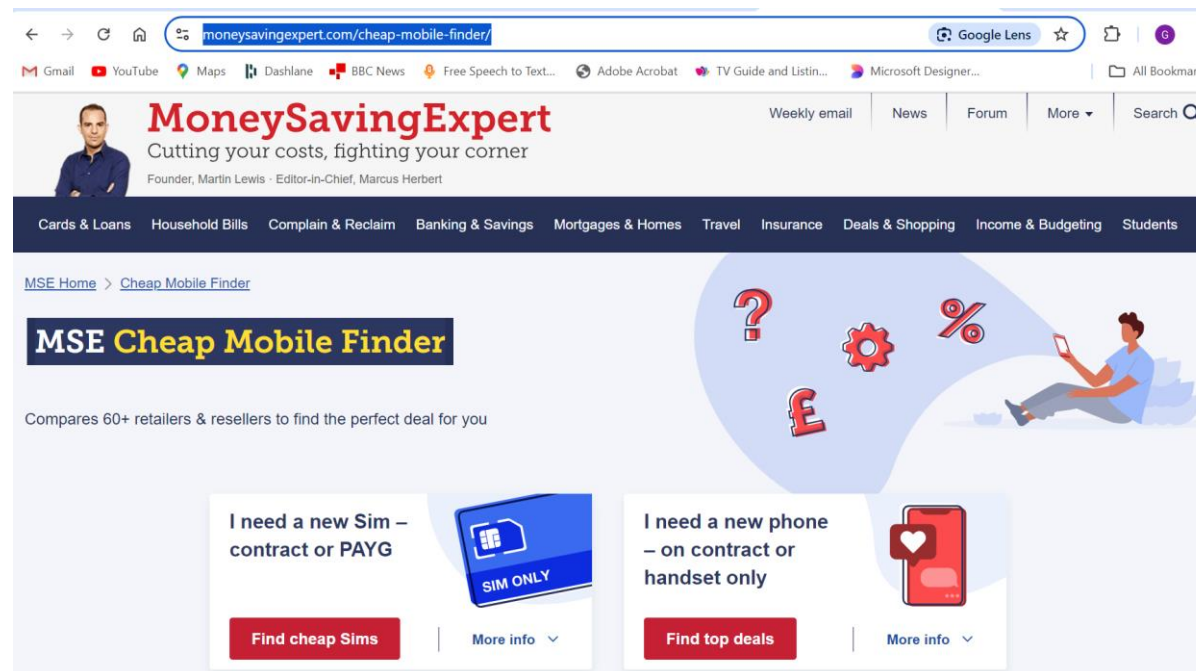




Get help from the Internet:

Martins Money has good advice:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/cheap-mobile-finder/>



Get help from the Internet:
Which of the new providers use the major
networks:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/mobiles/piggybacking/>



In this guide

You can keep the same network
signal and slash costs

Which network does each
piggybacker use?

Is there anything I need to watch
out for?

Your rights if you're unhappy with
your mobile coverage

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Need to keep your signal? You can still switch network



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If there are only one or two networks that give you decent mobile coverage, you may think your choice of mobile provider is limited. But it's possible to uncover hidden tariffs that operate off the same signal, and which cost much less. To help you understand who really provides a network's service, we've got a [full breakdown](#) of who 'piggybacks' on whom.

You can keep the same network signal and

Which network does each piggybacker use?

In total, there are about 30 different piggybacking companies across the UK. So use the table below to see which providers are on the networks you want, then use our [Cheap Mobile Finder](#) or see the [top Sim-only deals](#) to find the right package for you.

Piggybacking phone providers

PROVIDER	PIGGYBACKING FIRM
EE	1pMobile , Ecotalk , IQ Mobile , Lycamobile , RWG Mobile , Utility Warehouse , Your Co-op (formerly The Phone Co-op)
O2	Giffgaff , Sky Mobile , Tesco Mobile
Three	iD Mobile , Smarty , Honest Mobile , Superdrug
Vodafone	Asda Mobile , Lebara , TalkMobile , Voxi

!!Pick a provider with the strongest signal at home and look at the piggybackers...



Get help from the Internet:

Do you need to use the phone abroad - called
“roaming”

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/mobiles/cheap-roaming-calls/>

(some offer inclusive roaming calls/data)

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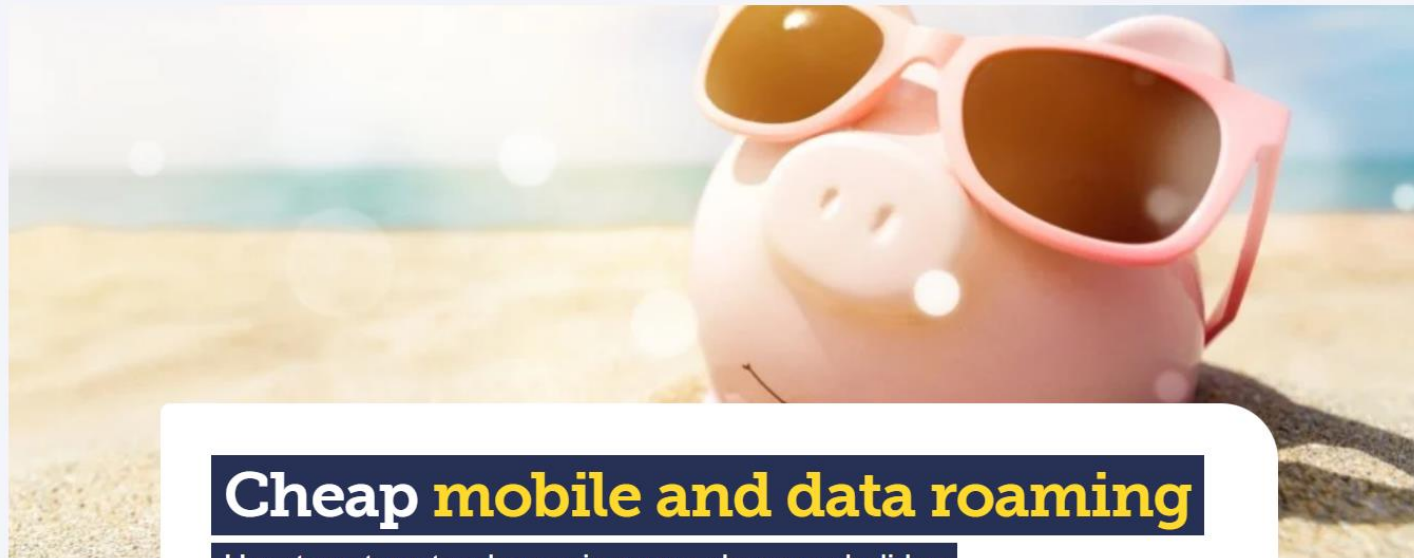
How roaming works

Simple tips to keep roaming
costs down

Travelling within Europe?

Travelling outside Europe?

Specialist Sims for longer-term
travellers



Cheap mobile and data roaming

How to cut costs when using your phone on holiday



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Whether you're a global jet-setter, or just like taking the odd holiday, this guide will show you how to use your mobile phone abroad as cheaply as possible (and how to avoid

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With mobile phone costs as low as this, do I need to keep my landline?



- Analogue lines being phased out
- Fall alarms and the like now have multi-SIM devices - speak to your provider
- Telephone Companies sell “unlimited calls” “cheap weekend calls” etc but how often do you use them?
- There are mobile handsets “especially for us boomers”

Our presentation hopes to give you enough confidence to question whether you are overpaying for mobile costs and how the Club can help with making some important decisions

Ask a mentor at a future session for help

- ☐ These notes from the presentation will be available in the next newsletter
- ☐ Come armed with the right information: what are you paying now, who is your provider, do you want a special handset, do you need the latest model, are you a fan of Iphone or Android (e.g.Samsung)
- ☐ Thank you for listening